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August 16, 2023

**BY ECF**

The Honorable Valerie E. Caproni  
United States District Judge  
Thurgood Marshall United States Courthouse  
40 Foley Square  
New York, NY 10007

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Re: **United States v. Melchizedek Johnson**, 22 Cr. 643 (VEC)

Dear Judge Caproni:

I write in response to the Court's Order dated August 14, 2023, directing me to (1) confer with Mr. Johnson regarding the issues raised in Point One of his pro se motion requesting a change of counsel and other relief and (2) show cause why Mr. Johnson's pro se motion should not be publicly filed. ECF No. 31.

**(1) Order to Confer with Mr. Johnson**

Pursuant to the Court's Order, I spoke with Mr. Johnson regarding the issues he raised in his motion. As a result of my communication with Mr. Johnson and in light of recent developments in negotiations with the Government, the Court's intervention is not required to resolve Mr. Johnson's concerns.

Furthermore, Mr. Johnson informs me that he would like to withdraw his pro se motion in its entirety.

**(2) Order to Show Cause**

Mr. Johnson's desire to withdraw his motion for a change of counsel and other relief, provides good cause why his motion should not be publicly filed. Publication of the motion at this

time would unnecessarily reveal privileged communications with legal counsel and taint the on-going attorney-client relationship.

Respectfully submitted,

*/s/ Amy Gallicchio*

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Application GRANTED. The status conference scheduled for August 23, 2023, is CANCELLED.

SO ORDERED.



08/17/2023

HON. VALERIE CAPRONI  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE